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For: PORTABLE INFORMATION TERMINAL APPARATUS

INVENTORS' DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Kiyoshi Iwai, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am the inventor and applicant of the invention entitled "PORTABLE INFORMATION TERMINAL APPARATUS", disclosed and claimed in U.S. Application No. 09/919,611, filed August 1, 2001.
2. At the time I invented the present invention, I was given a position in an R & D section by PIONEER CORPORATION (hereinafter "PIONEER") and was employed at the Kawagoe Plant at PIONEER.
3. Prior to February 23, 2000, the U.S. Filing Date of U.S. Patent No. 6,466,202, the Portable Information Terminal Apparatus invention as described and claimed in the above referenced application was completed in Japan, as evidenced by the following:
4. Prior to February 23, 2000, having earlier conceived the idea of the Portable Information Terminal Apparatus as set forth in the specification of the above referenced application,

the present invention was formally submitted to my employer PIONEER.

5. Prior to February 23, 2000, it was standard practice of employees of PIONEER to submit their inventions to the Patent Department at PIONEER on a Sheet of Abstract for Application, after their inventions were approved by their supervisors.

6. The submission of the above Sheet of Abstract for Application to the Patent Department at PIONEER for the present invention occurred prior to February 23, 2000. The Sheet of Abstract for Application, along with an English translation thereof, are attached as Exhibits "A" and "B", respectively.

7. The attached Sheet of Abstract for Application form completely discloses the present invention as set forth and claimed in the above referenced application.

8. Prior to February 23, 2000 it was also standard practice for an Essential Points of Specification Preparation be prepared of the invention prior to preparation of a patent application, and the invention be assigned a Reception Number.

9. In the ordinary course of business and in due time, the present invention was assigned Reception No. 54P0612, and an Essential Points of Specification Preparation was prepared based on the above referenced Sheet of Abstract for Application. The Essential Points of Specification Preparation, along with an English translation thereof, are attached as Exhibits "C" and "D," respectively.

10. In the ordinary course of business and in due time, PIONEER sent a request to Fujimura & Associates, of Tokyo, Japan, requesting preparation of a patent application based on the Essential Points of Specification Preparation, Reception No. 54P0612. The request was sent to Fujimura & Associates on April 19, 2000 and requested the application be prepared by May 12, 2000.

A copy of the above request, and an English translation thereof, are attached as Exhibits "E" and "F," respectively.

11. In the ordinary course of business and to aid in the preparation of a patent application, PIONEER sent additional information regarding Reception No. 54P0612 on May 19, 2000. A copy of the letter, and an English translation thereof, are attached as Exhibits "G" and "H," respectively.

12. In the ordinary course of business and in due course, Fujimura & Associates prepared a draft Japanese application and forwarded the draft application to PIONEER on July 7, 2000. A copy of the letter from Fujimura & Associates, and an English translation thereof, are attached as Exhibits "I" and "J," respectively.

13. In the ordinary course of business PIONEER reviewed and approved the draft application prepared by Fujimura & Associates, and Fujimura & Associates prepared the Japanese application PORTABLE INFORMATION TERMINAL APPARATUS in the ordinary course of business through the Japanese application's filing date August 1, 2000 in the Japanese Patent Office, which is the priority document (JP 2000-232710) of the above referenced application.

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: MAY 21, 2004

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